



This tutorial can be found at EnhancingWriting.WikiSpaces.com
An example website can be viewed at: <http://tqewitt.com/templates>

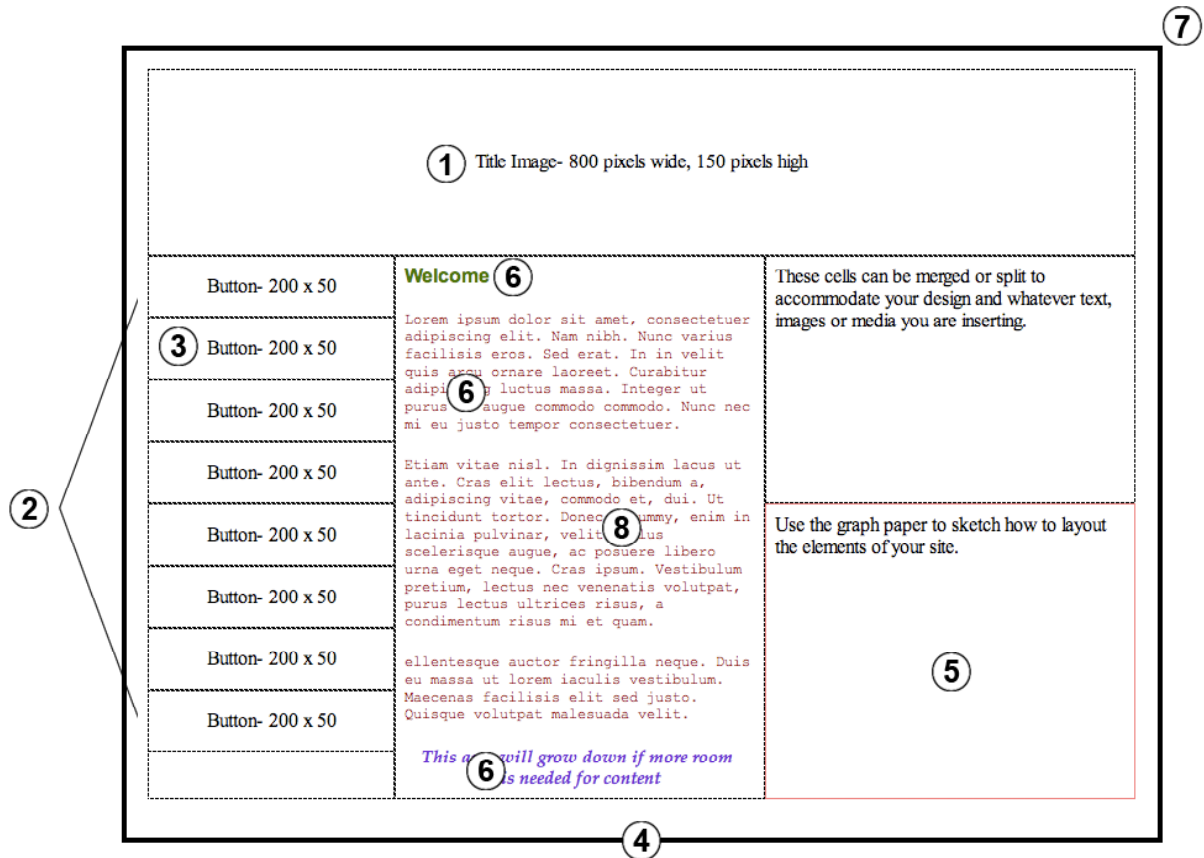
This tutorial will walk participants through the development of a website template. This will create Participants will go home with a website that they can use in the classroom.

Follow the steps below. Within this packet are the corresponding tutorials.

STEPS

1. Create folder on Desktop
2. Download 4-templates.zip from Wiki
3. Open zip file
4. Copy & Paste your chosen template to your project folder
5. Read: Anatomy of a Website
6. Fireworks: Create Buttons “About Me”, “Home” and “Citations”
7. Fireworks: Save Buttons to project folder
8. Fireworks: Create Title Banner Graphic
9. Fireworks: Save Title to project folder
10. Dreamweaver: Open template HTML file
11. Dreamweaver: Change CSS Styles
12. Dreamweaver: Change Page Properties
13. Dreamweaver: Change Table & Cell Properties
14. Dreamweaver: Insert Title Banner Graphic
15. Dreamweaver: Insert Buttons
16. Dreamweaver: Link Buttons
17. Dreamweaver: Insert Table to content area
18. Dreamweaver: Add Title and text
19. Dreamweaver: Save Template
20. Dreamweaver: Create Pages Using “Save As...”

Anatomy of a Webpage



1. Title Banner

An eye-popping graphic with the website's title that appears on every page. Any font can be used for text. Textures, colors and photos make each banner unique.

2. Navigation

Clearly organized area on every page that allows user to click through website content. Navigation is traditionally made up of "buttons".

3. Button

Graphic that allows user to click to specified area of the website. Buttons can have a rollover effect, appear 3D, and use any font.

4. Table

Tables organize web content into different cells. Tables can be inserted within other tables for a 'nesting' effect. Table Properties (background color, padding, spacing and alignment) can be changed.

5. Cell

Cells are defined areas within a Table where content is placed. Cell background can be changed. Images placed within a cell must not be larger than cell size.

6. Styles

Styles are predetermined RULES for the properties of assigned text. Rules can be edited in the Properties windows by clicking the 'CSS' button on the left. The following Rules have been defined in your template:

- a. .PageTitle
- b. .ParagraphText
- c. .HighlightedText

7. Page Properties

Page title, default font, background color and images are defined here. The properties can be changed either in the Properties window or in Modify > Page Properties...

8. Text (aka "Copy")

The paragraphs of content for website.

The copy should be typed and edited BEFORE being placed inside cells.

Use either blank Dreamweaver pages or Text Edit to create copy.

DO NOT format text until copied and pasted into template.

One carriage return will create a space between paragraphs.

Copy will be formatted in Dreamweaver using CSS Rules.

The website should have no more than three styles of text.

9. Graphics

Images for your website can come from cameras, scanning hand-drawn illustrations, creating digital graphics using Fireworks, Photoshop, or any other image editing software.

Images should be edited and properly sized BEFORE inserting them into your web page in Dreamweaver.

All images MUST live in your project folder.

Images may not be moved around after insertion.

Image formats can include .png, .jpg, or .gif

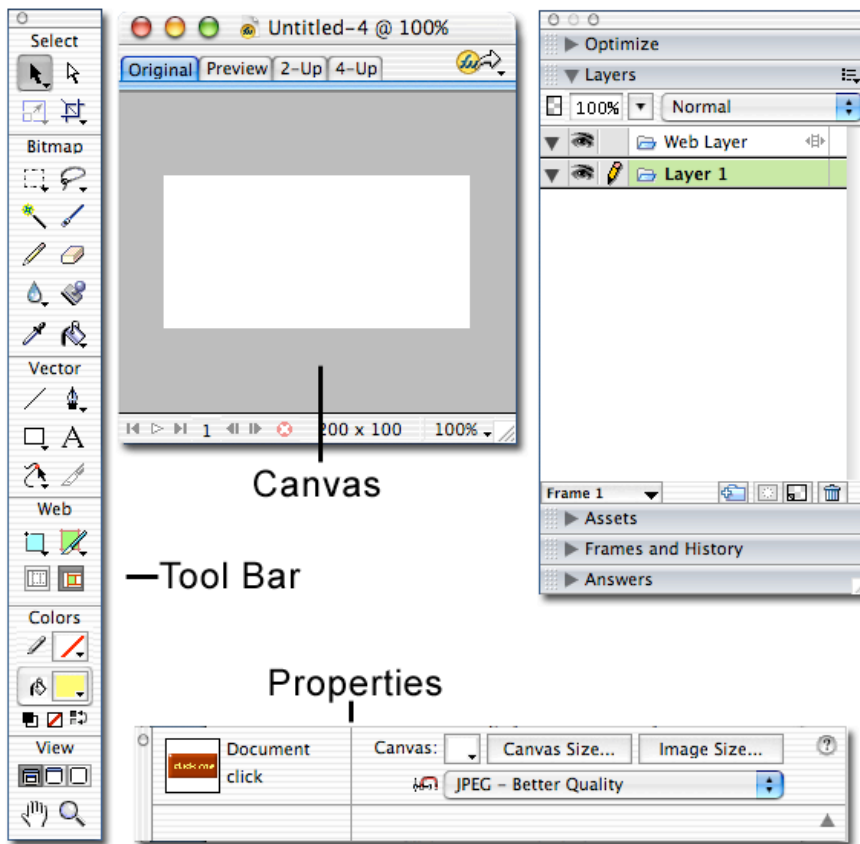
10. Color Scheme

Websites have a coherent look by sticking to a color palette of no more than three colors and their varying shades.

Colors should compliment each other.

Text color should be readable on background color.

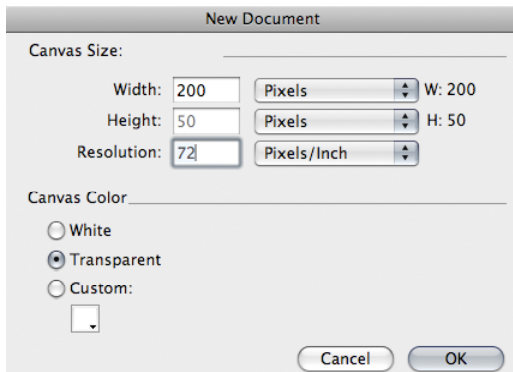
Fireworks Button Tutorial



Creating A Button for your website

Fireworks, like Photoshop, is a powerful professional tool used by designers and programmers alike. You can use this software for creating original graphics, to resize images, and even for making animated GIFs!

Try this basic tutorial and then explore on your own!



Create a folder for your work

Start a New Document

File > New

Width: 200

Height: 50

Pixels/Inch: 72



Draw a Shape for Your Button

Click on Rectangle in the Tool Box

Select a color

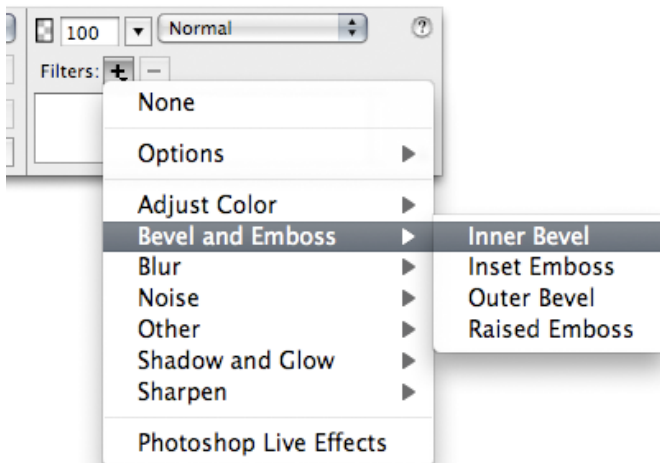
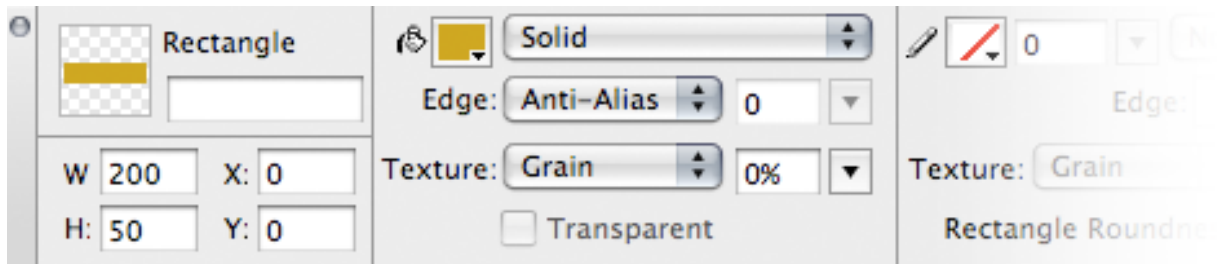
Draw rectangle

Perfect the Size and Position of rectangle in Properties Menu:

W: 200 H: 50

X: 0 Y: 0

(X and Y refer to the coordinates for positioning)



Add Filters To Rectangle

Go to the Properties Window

Click on the "+" next to "Filters"

Scroll down to "Bevel and Emboss"

Choose "Inner Bevel"

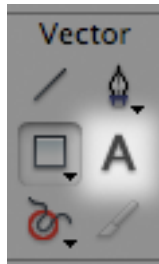
Experiment with the settings



Your button should look something like this.

**Tip: You can remove Filters that you do not like by selecting the name of the filter in the Properties Menu and clicking the "-" to subtract it from your shape.*

Add Text to Your Button



Select a color

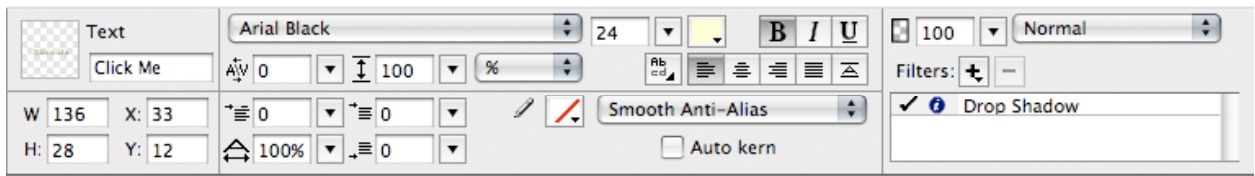
Select the Text Tool in the Tool Box

Position cursor in your button and type

Change font style and size

Use the Pointer Tool to move text

Add Effects from the Properties Window



**Tip: Text remains 'live' which allows you to go back and change any of the properties at any time.*



Your button should look something like this.

SAVING

One of the great things about Fireworks is that you can save it as a .png and insert it into Dreamweaver as is. Then, should you want to change the font or the background color of the button, you can open the .png file in Fireworks and easily make those changes. Take that JPEG!

File > Save

Name the button "clickme.png"

Save it into your project folder



CREATE MULTIPLE BUTTONS WITH 'SAVE AS...'

Select the text.

Type "About Me"

File > Save As...

Name the button "aboutme.png"

Repeat!

CUSTOMIZING YOUR TEMPLATE in DREAMWEAVER

STYLES

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) allow you to define styles for your site. There are many benefits of using style sheets- design consistency, efficiency, and flexibility.

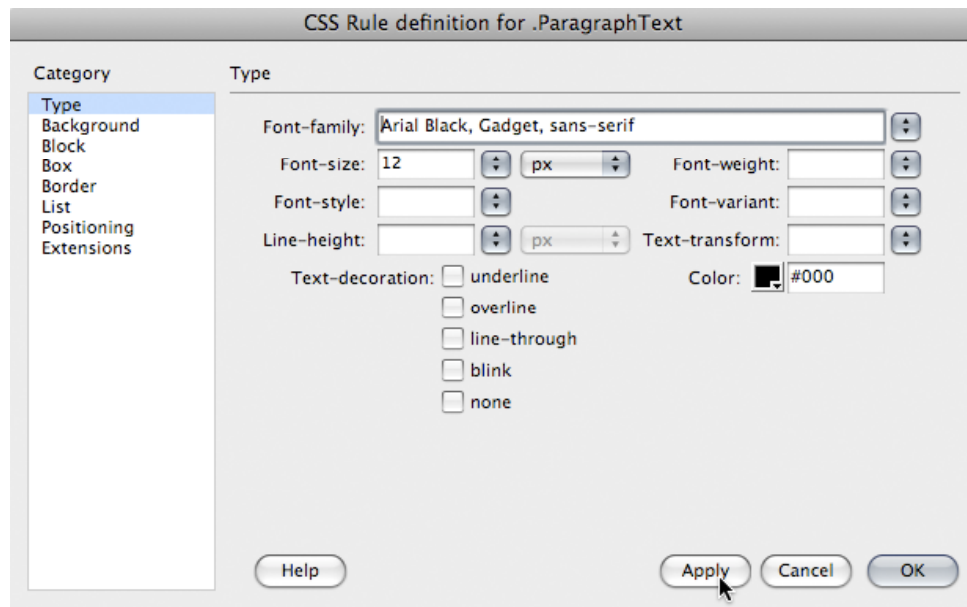
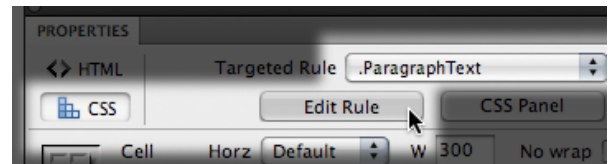
The Properties window now has HTML and CSS options. You will be toggling between both- pay attention to which you need for each step.

As illustrated in “Anatomy of a Webpage”, Styles apply to text using Rules. Three Rules have been defined for your site:

- a. .PageTitle
- b. .ParagraphText
- c. .HighlightedText

Editing the Rule “.ParagraphText”

1. Click CSS in Properties window
2. Select “.ParagraphText” in drop-down
3. Click “Edit Rule”
4. Change Font Family, Size, Color
5. Click “Apply” to preview change
6. Click “OK” to keep changes



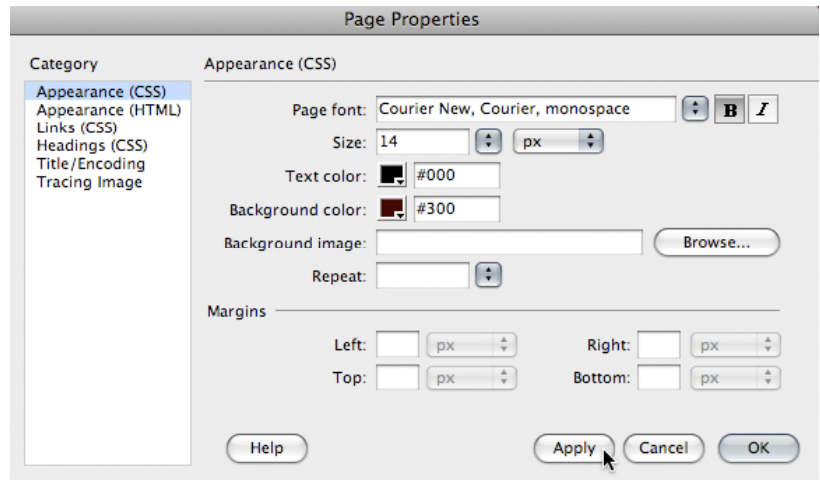
Repeat these steps with .PageTitle and .Highlighted Text

PAGE PROPERTIES

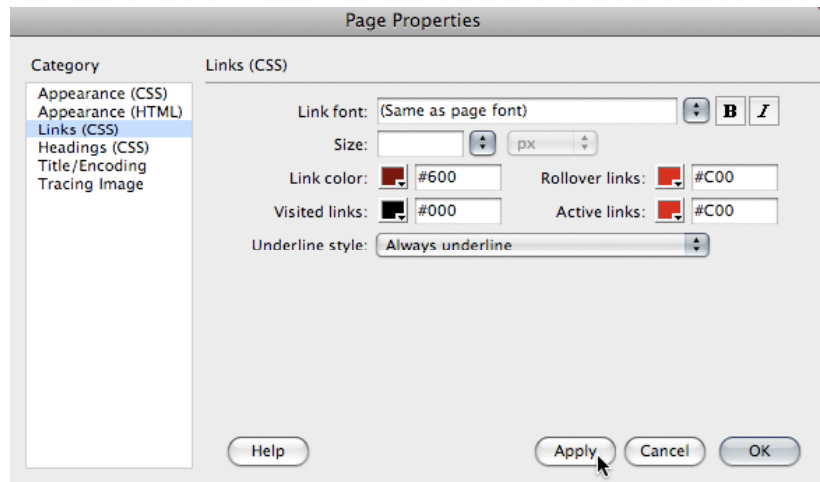
Page Properties allow you to define how the page looks- background color, link colors, and the title that appears in the top window of browser windows.

Click Page Properties

Select “Appearance (CSS)” and change Page font (this should be set to the same parameters as .ParagraphText), and change the Background color. Click “Apply” to preview. Click “OK” to keep changes.



Select “Links (CSS)” and change the color of the different states of a hyperlink as it would appear in your text.



Select “Title/Encoding” and type in the title that will appear on the browser window.

